

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicants canceled Claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer, added Claims 22-41 and amended Claims 22, 23 and 25-27. The Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of Claims 26, 36 and 40 is allowable. (Examiner's Final Action, pages 3-4). In the present response, the Applicants have amended Claims 22, 26-29 and 36-41 to place these Claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Claims 22-41 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 22-41 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 22-41 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,493,105 to Desai. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Desai does not teach initiating a telecommunications session at a source telecommunications device by parsing information on a card read by a scanner, extracting a telephone number from the information, and determining whether to use the telephone number to initiate faxing or phoning based on an orientation of the information read by the scanner. (Claims 22, 29 and 39). As discussed by the Examiner, Desai does not teach the method where a card initiates a call function when read in one direction and initiates a facsimile function when read in another direction. (Examiner's Final Action, pages 3-4). More specifically, Desai does not determine to initiate phoning or faxing based on an orientation of the information read by a scanner.

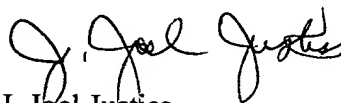
Thus, Desai does not anticipate independent Claims 22, 29 and 39 and Claims dependent thereon. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the §102(b) rejection with respect to Claims 22-41 and issue allowance thereof.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 22-41. The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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